

METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR ENCRYPTING ELECTRONIC  
MESSAGE USING SECURE AD HOC ENCRYPTION KEY

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method and system for encrypting an electronic message to a receiver by  
10 utilizing a sender generated ad hoc asymmetric key pair whose private key is encrypted  
and known only to the sender. The key pair is uniquely associated with both the sender  
and the receiver and is stored in a key server. A method and system for decrypting an  
encrypted electronic message by authenticating the receiver to the sender and having the  
sender retrieve and decrypt the encrypted private key. The above methods and systems  
15 utilizing an ad hoc symmetric key instead of an ad hoc asymmetric key pair.